

BLACK HOLE 19  
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Yes, my friends. The man refuses to give up, and thus you are reading Black Hole, a zine of postal Diplomacy published every third Saturday by Douglas Reif, 67 Grosvenor Rd., Kenmore, New York 14223. Subs are \$7.00 and trades are quite welcome. All games are protected by DMVPA. And remember, you heard it here first.

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I have back issues available. Issues I currently have are 1-13 (surprise) and are available for postage. Now the games...

1971 I

Fall 1913

THE DARK BLUE STAD THE LIGHT BLUE

There was an error in the adjudication of Spring 1913 moves for this game. What was listed as an English F Edi is really a dislodged English F Nth which couldn't retreat to Edi. It did retreat to Lon. Also the dislodged German A Nos retreated to Stn.

ENGLAND (Knowles): F Eng-Bre, F Lon-Eng Owns Bre, Ion (2) Even

FRANCE (Wendry): A Wal h, A Gas-Par, F Mid-Wes, F Spa(sc) S F Mid-

Wes Owns Liv, Par, Por\* (3) Remove 1

GERMANY (Kelly): A Dur S ITALIAN A Mar, A Stn-Nos, A War S A Stn-

Nos, A Liv & A Sil S A War, A Tyr-Vie, A Boh S A Tur-Vie,

F Nth-Bel, F Den-Nth, F Nrg-Jly Owns Bel, Ber, Den, Edi,

Hol, Kie, Mun, Hwy, Swe, Stn (10) Even

ITALY (Bender): A Ven S A Tri, A Tri S A Ven, A Mar-Spa, F Lyo S A Mar-Spa, F Wes-Mid, F Tyr-Wes, F Adr-Apu Owns Mar, Nav,

Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven (7) Even

TURKEY (Phillips): A Sev & A Ukr S A Nos, A Nos H, A Rum & A Bud

S A Gal, A Vie S A Gal, A Gal S A Vie, A Ser H, F Alb S F Aeg-

Ion, F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tyr Owns Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nos,

Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Vie, War (12) Build 1

The French F Spa(sc) is dislodged and must retreat to Por or OTB. The supply center listing assumes the former. If the French retreat F Spa(sc)-OTB then the French still have a removal to make but the Italians will retain Por and thus have a build. Clear? I thought not, but that's tough. Winter 1913 builds/removals are due immediately. Spring 1914 moves are due 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 5, 1975. They may be made conditional on the directions of the retreat, builds, removals, etc.

By the way, to quash a rumor Steve Bender is still in charge of Italy.

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In case you hadn't noticed, I have a very liberal subbing policy. Every winner in a game receives the issues free of charge. Every loser in a game will continue to receive DM. This is to encourage people to play and to keep the game going.

TFN 175

Fall 1901

## TOURISTS HOE THE RIVERIA

AUSTRIA (Birsan): A Bud-Tri, A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum, F Alb-Gre  
Owns Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie (5) Build 2

ENGLAND (Myatt): F Nrg-Bar, A Yor-Nwy, F Nth C A Yor-Nwy Owns  
Sci, Liv, Lor, Hwy (4) Build 1

FRANCE (McDonough): F Mid-Por, A Bur-Mar, A Spa-Mar Owns Bre,  
Mar, Par, Por, Spa Build 2 (5)

GERMANY (Zimmerman): A Ruh-Del, F Hol S A Ruh-Del, A Kie-Den Owns  
Del, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun Build 3 (6)

ITALY (Papandrea): A Pie-Mar, A Ven-Pie, F Ion-Tun Owns Nap,  
Rom, Tun, Ven Build 1 (4)

RUSSIA (McCullin): F Bot-Swe, A Nos-Sev, A Ukr-Rum, F Sev-Bla  
Owns Nos, Sev, Stp, Swe, War (5) Build 1

TURKEY (McLondon): A Bul-Rum, F Ank-Bla, A Ann-Sev Owns Ank,  
Con, Rum, Smy (4) Build 1

Underlined moves fail. Since Steve Harvey failed to send moves  
for Germany Mark Zimmerman takes over play for that country. A  
thank you goes out to Roy Thomas for stand-by moves for Russia.  
Winter 1901 builds are due 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 5, 1975. I'm  
still working on a Boardman number so keep using the designation  
TFN 175.

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TFN 17: Press

Moscow: Rip your heart out baby!!

Tennore (MOHAIR): That's it? Two games and just one cheesy press  
release? Just wait until one of you wants a favor.

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Rept. Rights Dept.

A federal judge said he was "outraged" to find that trustees  
of a \$3.75 million fund to promote sex equality in the world's lar-  
gest bank were using the money to send women on African safaris and  
to French cooking schools. "I am absolutely flabbergasted," said  
U. S. District Judge Charles B. Renfrew. The program was set up  
by independent trustees to help women employees of the Bank of Amer-  
ica achieve higher status positions.

Judge Renfrew told attorneys for the trustees to halt the prac-  
tice of using funds for such things as Caribbean junkets. He cited  
the case of a \$2530 award to Eileen Katz to visit the wine coun-  
ties of Europe and take a week-long cooking course at the Cordon  
Blanc school in London. Another woman was granted \$1400 to go on a  
historical tour of colonial America with stops at New York and Wash-  
ington. Judge Renfrew said the women with the greatest ability and  
skill in filling out applications were awarded the ill-travel grants.  
"The very women you are trying to help are the ones who will  
get paid off," he said.

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The codes mean: I- you are the game 1971-I; TW- you are in the game TWI 175; T- we trade; C- you have a complimentary subscription; and a number indicates the issue that your sub expires. Circulation for this issue is a whopping 30.

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Only one player (Clark Zimmerman) has taken advantage of my suggestion of calling collect should your dues not be received on time. If you are interested in avoiding WFR's this can help immensely (and most of all mistypings come at the bottom of the ditto where you can't easily correct them). Just send along your phone number.

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Bureaucrat at Work Dept.

Jubal Hale admitted he's a bureaucrat with little to do. So he spends his working hours reading and listening to Beethoven in his office. Mr. Hale said it's not that he doesn't try to earn his \$10,693 a year salary as executive secretary of the Federal Metal-Mineralic Safety Board of Review. It's just that the board has never had had anything to review in its four years.

Mr. Hale was contacted by a reporter after Rep. Ken Hechler (D-WV) charged in a House Appropriations Subcommittee meeting that the board was "a totally useless, toothless and do-less government agency which has never earned its pay." Rep. Hechler called for the board to be abolished. Mr. Hale said he doubted any objections would come from his office if Congress did just that. "We have been extremely candid with Congress," Mr. Hale said. "Our annual reports are clear and concise. We have had no cases."

The five member board was set up to hear appeals from non-coal mine operators ordered to shut down by the Mining Enforcement & Safety Administration (MESA) as unsafe. A MESA spokesman expressed surprise that the board was still in operation. "I thought it had been abolished some time ago," he said.

There were 1993 closure orders last year but not one was appealed to Mr. Hale's board. Rep. Hechler said that mine operators have another avenue of appeal through the Interior secretary.

He described a trip to the board's offices last week. "The door was open, the telephone was off the hook, and nobody was around," said the congressman. "The coffee-making equipment was elaborate. A large stereo set was in the office with Beethoven records stacked high." Mr. Hale said he was visiting the Interior Department and the secretary was home sick when Rep. Hechler visited, so no one was running the office. He did not dispute Rep. Hechler's description.

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It seems to me that it's been a long time since I last plugged the Pocket Armenian. Scott Rosenberg is the publisher as well as one of the four editors of this excellently reproduced zine. Scott has no games opened currently, but is desperately looking for subversive at the rate of 3/\$2.00. Featured in the most recent issue is some controversy with Robert Sacks. Next issue is going to be a special poetry issue, with a rendering of Dante's Divine Comedy to be included. Scott solicits any poetry (humorous) you may have specifically written. See the mailing list for Scott's address.

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Two mailing list updates: Robin Smith's sub runs through issue #1, not 24 as listed. Also, this will be Steve Harvey's final issue unless he subscribes.

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And now our literary department proudly presents...

AMERICAN PIE  
by Len Jool

How many times have you said, "It's as American as apple pie," without realizing that it made you sound like an idiot? The reason people giggle up their sleeves when you use that expression is that apple pie is not really American at all! Thus you might as well say, "It's as American as sauerbraten mit kartoffelklossen." To atone for your former ignorance, you should memorize the following historical facts about apple pie, extracted from A. LaMode's monumental Histoire des Tartes à la Doux, Co La La (Ste. Vache, 1838). By quoting these passages at dinner parties you may even acquire the reputation of a gastronod.

Apple pie was invented by a Chinese emperor of the Sing Sing Dynasty (949-953 B.C.) to please his wife's dog, Fai-Do. This first pie was something of a mess, containing not only the flesh of the apples but also their skins, seeds, cores, stems, and bits of twigs and bark, as is still customary in New England. It is recorded that Fai-Do was pleased, and the new dish immediately caught on among the nobility, who named it "Bing-Bang Bzu" meaning "A-thousand-heavenly-delights-upon-the-admirable-inventor," or "Haven't-you-got-any-Jello-instead?"

The introduction of apple pie to the Occident is due to Marco Polo's nephew, Water Polo, who in the fourteenth century set out to discover Paraguay, took a wrong turn at Hog Island, and wound up in Shanghai. On reaching port Water Polo disembarked, politely made a port bow to the inhabitants, and inquired the way to the Port Authority. The perplexed Shanghaiites conveyed him to the Imperial Palace for an audience with the reigning emperor Chow Down. On being conducted into the imperial presence, Water Polo began a prepared oration in Spanish, extending lavish salutations to His Imperial Majesty from the Western world and hoping for improved trade relations between Italy and Paraguay. The emperor, who knew only a few Spanish phrases like "frijole" and "closa el windo," ordered the garrulous stranger decapitated. Fortunately for Polo, the emperor's daughter Lo Down interceded for him, and Chow Down not only rescinded his order but invited the visitor to a banquet, where Water Polo first encountered Bing-Bang Bzu. He immediately saw commercial prospects in the idea, since such desserts were unknown to Italy. A typical fourteenth-century Italian menu consisted of:

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| Appetizer . . .   | Noodle soup.                   |
| Salad . . . .     | Macaroni salad.                |
| Entree . . . .    | Ravioli with tomato sauce.     |
| Main course . . . | Spaghetti with mushroom sauce. |
| Dessert . . . .   | Lasagna with whipped cream.    |

Polo immediately set to work on the Emperor. "I'm not a... a... a... a... a... Your Majesty," he began,

"And I'm not a man to mind a pinch," the old fellow said firmly.  
"What's your proposition?"

"Simply this: I'll trade you my entire garden's crop of tomatoes—for a shirload of Pine-Bang! You won't believe it!"

"Fair enough," said the emperor amiably, and a few moments later Water Polo was sailing out of Shanghai Harbor with a hold full of frozen apple pies. As he was scurrying on deck, a sailor ran up and shouted, "Captain, they're firing on us from the harbor."

"They must have opened the crates," answered John with a chuckle. "I wonder what they plan to do with all those little cans of tomato paste." Still grinning at her, John staggered an Emperor, he sauntered down the long, dimly lit corridor. After ten minutes alone with her, he had concluded that a respect for the Emperor's business acumen.

On the third day out of port Water Polo's ship ran into a pea-soup fog. The crew promptly got lost, bumping into shrouds and capstans and calling out to one another through the fog. Pea-soup collected in green driblets on the hull, forming a barrier and making navigation impossible. Venturing out in darkness, Captain Polo stumbled over an old sailor who had dropped a line and was bending over trying to find it, "What are you doing?" asked the sailor.

"We're lost, Jantain," the sailor replied.

"Lost? A true seaman is never lost!" retorted Captain Vale.  
"But is that barking noise?"

"Seals, ventral."

"Seals? Then we must be near Factor Island."

Suddenly the fog lifted, revealing a strange ship, and a unknown flag. The old sailor remarked, "Look, like a man and--probably from Spitzbergen. Can you make out what it is?" A breeze caught the flag, displaying the battle-  
mark of cross-bones. Water Polo turned green with admiration.

"It's the Swissberg Pie-Rat! I'm afraid. Up at Cumbay, when we were carrying a cargo of pie, they took him away to Shady Hollow."

(Waddell says it had to likely been the result of an accident. Will the Shitzbergers pursue the claim? Will Howard ever come home? And most importantly, will the couple ever get to tell their wedding story? Stay tuned.)

#### ANSWER

Peter Strigas lured on the victim and shot him in the head. He was soon and waited to die, but he decided to live and got a parrot. The resulting emasculation in Sicily brought the striped hyena's life and the one he had, to an end, with a bullet shot of 1113.00. The hyena was buried with his comrade Major Bedford Bagot and the two were buried side-by-side in the same grave.

## B L A C K H O L E S U P P L I M E N T

Leave it to Ron Kelly to notice that I didn't specify 7:30 pm  
on 1971 I special notice. Rather than redo page 1 (which was  
already run off I have decided to add this supplement.

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1971 I England retreated F Nth-Lon Fall 1913  
Germany retreated A Mos-OTB

ENGLAND (Knowles): F Eng-Bre, F Lon-~~Eng~~ Owns Bre, Lon (2) Even  
~~Eng~~

FRANCE (Hendry): A Wal H, A Gas-Par, F Mid-Wes, F Spa(sc) S F Mid-  
Wes Owns Idv, Par, For<sup>#</sup> (3) Remove I

GERMANY (Kelly): F Nrg-Cly, F Nth-Bel, F Den-Nth, A Bur-Par, A Tyr-  
Pie, A Boh-Tyr, A Sil-Mun, A Liv-War, A War-Sil Owns Bel,  
Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Zie, Mun, Nwy, Swe, Stp (10) Build 1

ITALY (Bender): A Ven S A Tri, A Tri S A Ven, A Mar-Spa, F Lro S  
A Mar-Spa, F Wes-Mid, F Tyr-Wes, F Adr-Apu Owns War, Nap,  
Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven (7) Even

RUSSIA (Phillips): A Sev S A Mos, A Ukr & A Rum & A Vie S A Gal,  
A Mos & A Ser H, A Bud & A Gal S A Vie, F Alb S F Aeg-Ion,  
F Aeg-Ion, F Ion-Tyr Owns Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Rum,  
Ser, Sev, Smy, Vie, War (12) Build 1

Read page 1 for the spiel about Portugal. Winter 1913 builds/  
removals are due immediately. Spring 1914 moves are due 7:30 PM,  
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You may have noticed that I did not list my phone number in  
the mailing list. That is because starting June 1 I will probably  
be completely unreachable for 3 months. Yet some of you will per-  
sist. To keep you people from bothering innocent bystanders, if  
you must call dial 716-831-1156 from midnight until 2 AM Mondays  
through Thursdays only. I give no guarantees that I will be there,  
though. Thanks.

P. S. It's getting very late and I have an 8 AM exam tomorrow.  
ARRRRRRRRRRRGH!!!!